GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

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NHs in Kerala
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of various ongoing projects of the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) in the Kerala;

(b) the present status of each such project and the likely time of their completion, project-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that many of them are delayed, resulting in cost-overruns;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for the delay; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government for their timely completion?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI PON. RADHAKRISHNAN)

(a) & (b) The details of various ongoing projects of the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) in the Kerala is as under:
S. No. Name of project Appointed date Scheduled Completion Date Likely Completion date Physical Progress
1 6-laning of Vadakkanchery Km 240.00 to Thrissur Km 270.00 section of NH-544 (Old No.47) 15.09.2012 (Re-fixed) 14.03.15 (Re-fixed) March, 2017 15.30%
2 4 laning of Kazhakottam Km:0.00 to Mukkola Km.26.500 in Trivandrum Bypass of NH-66 (Old No.47). 12.06.15 June 2017 June 2017 5.90%

(c) Yes Madam. The project of "6-laning of Vadakkanchery to Thrissur" is delayed but there are no cost overruns since the project is implemented under BOT Mode.

(d) The Concession Agreement for the project of "6-laning of Vadakkanchery to Thrissur" was executed on 24.08.2009 and appointed date was fixed as 07.10.2010 with Scheduled Project Completion Date as 06.04.2013. The appointed date has been re-fixed as 15.09.2012 with scheduled project completion date as 14.03.2015. Due to the following reasons, the project has been delayed:-

(i) Ban on land acquisition imposed by Government of Kerala from 20.04.2010 to 04.11.2011.
(ii) Non-handing over of occupation free land to the Concessionaire.
(iii) Public protest against land acquisition and BOT concept.
(iv) Project affected persons demand for enhanced compensation amount and its payment before taking possession.
(v) The encumbrances /resistance have been resolved during May 2013. In spite of resolving their issues, the Concessionaire has not resumed the work due to constraint in restructuring of loan facilities.

(e) The progress of work is being monitored regularly by PD/I.E/Consultant and Concessionaire has been requested to expedite the work for ensuring timely completion.

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